

**CITY OF BATAVIA**  
**MINUTES OF THE BATAVIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**September 17, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. - City Council Chambers**  
**100 N. Island Ave. Batavia, Illinois**

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. Minutes are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Committee/City Council, and to include some description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. Any references to discussion and /or statements are only to provide greater clarity to the public and they may not reference all, some, or any of an individual speaker's comments.

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schielke at 7:30 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION followed by PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schielke offered a brief invocation. Several local Boy Scouts were in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**10 of 14 aldermen were present.**

Aldermen (by ward): Michael O'Brien (1), Scott Salvati (1), Martin Callahan (2), Alan Wolff (2), Elliot Meitzler (3), Lucy Thelin Atac (5), Nicholas Cerone (6), Michael Russotto (6), Drew McFadden (7) and David Brown (7) were present. Dan Chanzit (3), Susan Stark (4), Anthony Malay (4) and Mark Uher (5) were absent.

Also present were BATV and members of the press, public and the following:

City Attorney	Edward Boula
City Clerk	Ellen Posledni
Director of Public Works	Gary Holm
Fire Chief	Randy Deicke
Community Development Director	Scott Buening
City Administrator	Laura Newman
Director of Human Resources	Wendy Bednarek
Chief of Police	Dan Eul
Director of Communications	Chris Cudworth

**4. ITEMS REMOVED/ADDED/CHANGED**

Ald. Atac requested that item 5G from the Consent Agenda be moved to become item 8B.

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to amend the agenda as requested. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Ald. Atac read the Consent Agenda as follows:

### **Accept and Place on File:**

- A. Historic Preservation Commission Minutes for July 23, August 20, August 27, 2018
- B. Committee of the Whole Minutes for August 28, 2018
- C. August 2018 Building Reports

### **Approvals:**

- D. September 7, 2018 Payroll for \$858,880.47
- E. Accounts Payable Check Register \$3,797,725.99
- F. City Council Minutes for September 4, 2018
- H. RESOLUTION 18-108-R: Authorizing execution of a Contract with Hoerr Construction for the 2018 Tri-Cities CIPP Lining program in the amount of \$265,776.32 (JB 9/7/2018 COW 9/11/18 11/0) PU

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. O'Brien, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

Mayor Schielke explained to the Boy Scouts in attendance how the Committee of the Whole meetings work and what the Consent Agenda means.

## **6. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: (For Items NOT on the Agenda)**

Representatives from four Boy Scout troops in Batavia, including Scouts and Leaders, took the podium to present a proclamation to the mayor, which was read by one of the Scouts. The proclamation declared Monday, October 1, 2018, to be Mayor Jeffrey D. Schielke Support for the Batavia Boy Scout Troops Day in honor of his longstanding support for Boy Scouts in Batavia. The Mayor accepted the proclamation and said he has always been impressed with the Boy Scout organizations and the Scouts, and noted that he is now presenting to a second generation of Eagle Scouts.

## **7. APPOINTMENT: Paid-On-Call Recruit Ryan Kelly (RD 9/11/2018) GS**

Chief Deicke introduced Ryan Kelly as a new Paid-on-Call Recruit for the Batavia Fire Department. Mr. Kelly lives in St. Charles, holds several certifications and a degree in Emergency Medical Services. He is working on a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety.

**Motion by Ald. Meitzler, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve the appointment. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

## **8. MAINSTREET MINUTE**

Executive Director Chris Faber reported on the successful Batavia Block Party held over Labor Day weekend, thanking premier sponsors First State Bank and Xfinity. Food vendors reported higher sales than last year. The next big event is Oktoberfest, in its third year, which is expanding to a third day devoted to families. Sunday, October 7 will feature the Brat Trot 5K, children's activities and football viewing.

The Batavia Dinner Table in August featured 200 diners, 40 volunteers and 175 volunteer hours. The event raised \$10,096.76 for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, and Austin Dempsey of BEI was on hand to present the check to Food Pantry Director Betsy Zinser. Ms. Zinser shared a story of a new client at the Food Pantry who expressed shame at needing help. Ms. Zinser noted that 350 families receive help in Batavia every month, and they are neighbors and friends. This money will be of great help to them.

Mayor Schielke commended Ms. Zinser and MainStreet for the excellent work they do and said this act speaks volumes about the caring spirit on display in Batavia. He said people from many other towns have expressed interest in checking out the Dinner Table event to possibly do something similar in their communities.

### **8B. APPROVAL: Class D-1 Liquor License – Riverside Pizza & Pub (DE 9/7/18 COW 9/11/18 10/0) GS**

Brian Padazzo and Mark Casten of Riverside Pizza and Pub introduced themselves to the Council. Mr. Padazzo is a 1998 graduate of Batavia High School and the new restaurant in two will be Riverside's third location in the Fox Valley, with the others in South Elgin and St. Charles. The company is very active in their communities and Mr. Padazzo is excited to be bringing that spirit to his hometown, where he also lives. He said Riverside is family-friendly, offering up good food, cold beer and football viewing. The restaurant will be opening in the former Walgreens building possibly in January 2019. Hours will be 10:30 am to 1 am Sunday through Thursday, and 10:30 am to 2 am Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Schielke welcomed the men to town and said people are excited for them to open.

**Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve the liquor license. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

### **9. APPROVAL: Class F Liquor License Batavia Main Street Oktoberfest (D Eul 9/07/18) GS**

Ald. Atac introduced the item relating to a liquor license for Batavia MainStreet for the Oktoberfest event in October.

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the liquor license. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**10. APPROVAL: Class G Liquor License Gaetano's Oktoberfest (D Eul 9/06/18) GS**

Ald. Atac introduced the item relating to a liquor license for Gaetano's for the Oktoberfest event in October that would supplement their current license.

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. Meitzler, to approve the liquor license. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**11. RESOLUTION 18-111-R: Approval Teamster Agreement 2018-2020 (WB 9/17/18) GS**

Director Bednarek introduced the resolution that is an agreement with Teamsters Local #673 covering non-sworn employees of the Batavia Police Department. It is a three-year contract for the period January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2020. Some language was updated and additions made around educational assistance and sick leave. The wage increase for 2018 is 2.75 percent, similar to non-union employees.

**Motion by Ald. Atac, seconded by Ald. McFadden, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**12. ORDINANCE 18-57: Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City Of Batavia 750-812 Main Street, City Of Batavia, Applicant (JS 9/7/18 COW 8/28/18 9/2) CD**

Director Buening introduced the ordinance. The item was discussed at the August 28 COW with a 9-2 vote in favor, but went back to the COW after the September 4 City Council meeting. Recommendations were to amend the community commercial zoning uses. Upon passage, the issue will go to the Plan Commission.

Ald. Brown said the plan is well thought-out. Mayor Schielke noted that the area was once on the edge of Batavia and now is surrounded by neighborhoods, and the thought was that this area could be a nice area for businesses. He said there has been great interest in the area from First Street and Main Street, Whipple and Van Nortwick to do some nice development and support the property owners there, and some empty land could lead to some creative ideas. There is grant money for rebuilding but the project has to start by October 2020 or the money will be forfeited.

**Motion by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Callahan, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**13. RESOLUTION 18-05-R: Authorizing Execution Of An Intergovernmental Agency Agreement With Kane County For The Intersection Improvements At Deerpath Road & Main Street (AMP 9/5/18 COW 9/11/18 11/0) CS**

Ald. Wolff introduced the item relating to the new stoplight installation at Main Street and Deerpath Road.

**Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**14. RESOLUTION 18-06-R: Authorizing Execution Of The Construction Engineering Services Agreement For Federal Participation In The Amount Of \$207,432.17 For Deerpath Road & Main Street Intersection For Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services With V3 Companies (AMP 9/5/18 COW 9/11/18 11/0) CS**

Ald. Wolff explained this is the second item relating to the new stoplight installation at Main Street and Deerpath Road. He said Batavia would initially pay for the engineering services, and that Kane County would subsequently reimburse the city for their share of the project.

**Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the resolution as presented.  
Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**15. RESOLUTION 18-107-R: Authorizing Execution Of The Local Agency Agreement For Federal Participation For Deerpath Road & Main Street Intersection Improvements Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services With The Illinois Department Of Transportation (AMP 9/5/18 COW 9/11/18 11/0) CS**

Ald. Wolff explained this is the third and final item on the agenda relating to the new stoplight installation at Main Street and Deerpath Road. It is a local agency agreement between the city and Kane County as mandated by the State of Illinois. The hope is that IDOT will approve the project by the beginning of November so that the work can begin next year.

Ald. McFadden expressed his happiness that this project is finally getting underway, as it has been an area of great concern in his ward. This will make the intersection safer and easier to pass through.

Mayor Schielke said tonight's actions will allow the installation of a full-service traffic light at the intersection. He commended Kane County Highway Department for being so good to work with. The project was complicated because the city doesn't control all four corners of the intersection, as Main Street is a county-designated highway. Grant money will cover 80 percent of the cost of the project, so it is a nice improvement for not a lot of money for the city. He said traffic has increased tremendously at that intersection with all of the expansion in the area.

**Motion by Ald. Wolff, seconded by Ald. Salvati, to approve the resolution as presented.  
Motion carried 10 yea/ 0 nay/ 4 absent.**

**16. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Newman said crews are doing an exceptional job on the window replacement and tuckpointing project at City Hall, and many residents have commented on the stunning change to the building. She reiterated how important it is to maintain the appearance and integrity of the historic building.

Large water projects are continuing: the Area 3 storm-sewer separation project and the Ward 1 drainage project. Residents' patience is appreciated as these projects cause disruption in the area. Workers are trying to keep the dust down and plan to wrap up both projects by early October.

The Strategic Plan will be discussed at the September 25 COW meeting.

## **17. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ald. Brown said there will be a Public Hearing at 7:35 pm at tomorrow night's COW regarding an annexation agreement for an assisted living development project on Hawks Drive west of Walmart. Plan Commission meeting for September 19 is canceled. Historic Preservation will be September 24 at 5:30 pm.

Ald. Atac said ownership of the dam will be discussed at the next COW, and Strategic Plan will be discussed September 25.

Ald. O'Brien said a monthly updated on the wastewater treatment facility will be delivered at the next COW.

## **18. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ald. Wolff announced it is Batavia's Homecoming Week. Friday night is the football game, and the parade is at 5:30 pm down Wilson St.

## **19. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Schielke said the Fire Department had a call yesterday at 1:30 pm to respond to a fire involving three cars in a driveway. One car was totally engulfed, the second car was burning and the third car was beginning to burn. During the response, neighbors commented that now they know what their tax dollars pay for, because the response was quick and the incident was contained. He said it is a good reminder of how fortunate we are to have excellent services in Batavia, and he was proud of the good work done by the responding crew.

The mayor also noted how proud he is of the Batavia Police Department in light of some very extraordinary and trying situations that they have had to respond to lately. He said mental illness in all ages seems to be spiking, and officers have done marvelous work intervening. The Police Department, Fire Department and ambulance service have all stepped up and done a wonderful job despite these sad circumstances.

Mayor Schielke also took a moment to pay tribute to the Bulldogs Unleashed program, which brought rave reviews from visitors all summer. He also noted that the Batavia Community Band, featuring many former Batavia High School band students, played downtown yesterday afternoon. They will play again during Oktoberfest, and the Sunday after Thanksgiving to welcome Santa to Batavia.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Salvati. Motion carried by voice vote.**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Ellen Posledni, City Clerk, September 25, 2018.*